




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Raymond F. Cracauer *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/054,023
Filed: 11/13/01
Entitled: Nucleic Acid Synthesizers

Group No: 1743
Examiner: Handy

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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Independent Claims	2	—	8	0	×	86.00	\$0.00

Three Month Extension of Time \$950.00

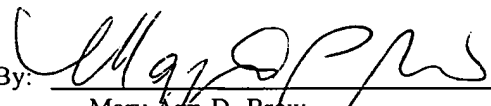
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TOTAL DUE \$475.00

1. A check in the amount of **\$475.00** is attached.
2. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-1290**. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**
3. Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, as may be required, to file this response.

Dated: April 19, 2004

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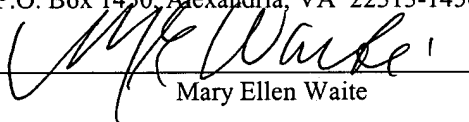
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Date: 4/19/04 By:


Mary Ellen Waite

Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2003. A petition for three months extension of time, from January 17, 2004 to April 19, 2004, (the next business day following April 17, 2004), is included herewith. Also submitted with this communication is a courtesy copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 being filed herewith (at TAB 1). Applicants note that there is a large box being filed with the IDS that contains all of the references cited. Applicants request that all of these references be made of record in the present application. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.